

## A GIRL'S MEMORY BOOK

MISS BROWN EYES "GIVES A LOOK" TO THE STUPID MAN.

Art Treasures That No One Except the Girl Herself Could Properly Appreciate.

The Girl with the Brown Eyes had consented to bring her Memory Book down stairs for the edification and education of a Stupid Man. "And you never heard of a Memory Book," she observed, turning the leaves of the bulky volume with great care lest something should drop out. "I am astonished at you, for nearly every girl I know keeps a Memory Book and wouldn't be without one. I hope you'll understand, sir, that I'm bestowing a great favor in showing this book." The Stupid Man showed due appreciation of the exception that was being made in his case and timidly examined the great volume. "I see a burnt match attached to this page," he remarked, and added with a half sneer: "I suppose some tender bit of sentiment clings around that." The girl laughed at the sneer. "No, not especially sentimental," she sweetly replied. "It was a match he lighted a cigar with and threw away. He doesn't know I have it, of course. I don't know that I know why I picked it up and kept it after he was gone. Just a girl's foolish idea of remembering some look or word I suppose."

The man turned another page and near the bottom in a corner was a crumpled rose. "What a thing!" he exclaimed, looking at it. "Oh, I don't mind telling you what that is," said the girl, reading the Stupid Man's look of inquiry. "That is a reminder of the Yale ball the other night at the Propylaeum—you know the dance that followed the concert. The man who gave me that rose was the loveliest dancer I have ever known. He took that rose from his button-hole just as we were going into a two-step. I've danced with a lot of men in my life, but none of them ever equalled this one. Don't you know that is a thing a girl always remembers? Be a good dancer and you'll be popular." The Stupid Man had been told he danced like an ice wagon so he was not interested.

They went on through the book and finally the girl pointed to a small card bearing a man's name with a Christmas greeting. "That's Christmas," said the girl, "and it recalls the night I went to a romance that I ever took part in. My people spent a summer at Waukesha a few years ago and I met a man who lived there. One afternoon we came in from a long drive and the man hitched his horse in front of the hotel. That night we went somewhere on the trolley line and did not return until late. When the man told me good-night he made some side remarks that indicated to me the state of his mind. Now, what do you suppose that man did? He went straight home—he lived in St. Joe—leaving his horse and buggy standing there. The police found it about 3 o'clock in the morning. My friends tell me that man was in love. What do you think?"

"Well, I've never heard it that bad," replied the Stupid Man, turning over another leaf in the Memory Book. They came to some notes and letters pasted on the pages which the girl said they wouldn't read. "Now, here's a thing," she said, "that I picked from between the leaves the title page of a song that was very popular a few years ago, 'that reminds me of one of the most unpleasant evenings I think I ever spent. Two men came to call on me. One came to stay the whole evening and the other just dropped in for a half hour. But neither knew of the other's intentions. Well, they sat and gazed at each other and almost unawares, I said to myself, 'What girl was ever in a worse plight because of two stupid men?' At length the man who came to stay all evening said he'd have to go, and he went. A few minutes later the other man left and there I was with an evening to pass alone. As I went upstairs that night I noticed the disconnected pages of this song, 'On the Banks of the Wabash,' that had been sent me by one of the men. I didn't think I'd ever forget the occasion, but to be sure I wouldn't, I put this title page in my Memory Book."

"There doesn't seem to be any limit to the size of things you put in this book," remarked the Stupid Man. "I suppose you might stow away a sofa pillow or a chocolate set if there was sufficient reason why you should remember how you got them."

"Yes," she said, "that's what the Memory Book's for. It takes the place of a scrapbook you know—only you can put so much more in the Memory Book. It's something like a woman's shopping bag." The man turned over a new leaf but the hand of the girl turned it back. "You can't see that page," she said; "I'm jealously guarding that from public scrutiny. Oh, I will let you see the top of the page but no further." The girl turned over the corner of the page just enough to let the man see the following poetic sentiment:

"This book is a fine thing,  
My first's another.  
You touch one thing,  
And you'll feel the other."  
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ducements and has gone back to England. Meantime the family are eating around at restaurants until I can find a cook who is qualified to run a kitchen where the window sashes are raised and lowered, the egg-beater whirled and the flapjacks turned by electricity.

"Of course, it is only a question of time when nine-tenths of the servants will understand electricity as well as they now understand the simple old-fashioned domestic utensils. And though this new power that runs the carpet sweeper, peels the potatoes, beats the rugs and polishes the floors, and silver, reduces the manual labor to a minimum, the whole tendency of wages is upward. Smart electric cooks demand and receive 20 per cent. advance over the wages she asked six months ago. She rightly insists that she make up somewhere for the time and money and effort she expended on her electrical course and that the introduction of electricity has in no way diminished the responsibility resting on the cook's shoulders, nor the experience necessary in her profession."

## GIFTS OF MONEY.

## Delicate Ways of Making Such Best Stowaways.

New York Commercial Advertiser.  
If New Year's were a time set apart especially for affluent relatives to give poorer domestic attendants, it would be a very convenient time to do so for the poorer relatives. The average mortal enters upon the new year with a hard-up. Christmas gifts have depleted his purse, and the first of the year is synonymous with an army of bills to face. Checks would be more welcome than cash at any other time of the year, and the rich relative wouldn't have to bother thinking of a present to send. A nice fat check and life's cares would be lessened for every one concerned. One speaks of relatives sending checks as of course the friendly check would be apt to be misunderstood, even if the sight of it was like a silver gleam in a cloudy sky to the recipient.

It requires, perhaps, a finished diplomat and an accomplished man of the world to perform the delicate task of offering a money gift gracefully. It is told of one doting husband that, though very sick, he one New Year's day presented her with the traditional silver bag of sugar plums and no other gift. The lady felt aggrieved, but she was fond of sugar plums and prepared to stifle her sigh of disappointment with a particularly large cone of green, crisp, crackling paper. The lady examined it. It was a new \$50 bill. Charmed at her discovery, she unwrapped the more well-known sugar plums, to find each one wrapped in fresh new \$50 bills. All of which suggests a tragic thought. Suppose she had suited at her husband's apparently modest offering and given the bag to a dishonest maid, or worse yet, thrown it into the fire. Or sent it to some one on her New Year's list. Imagination reels at the hair-breadth escapes.

Another way of giving money gifts gracefully with an assurance of their being accepted is to tell of the splendid money gift he felt in love with one of the most beautiful women of her time—the woman whom students of French biography know under the name of a contemporary whose real name was Erzelina Iida de Bolstoy. Talleyrand tired of the lovely Erzelina, who was not the most brilliant of companions, and the unselfish Talleyrand did not care to be mistaken. One morning Talleyrand was talking in his charming and sprightly manner to Erzelina, when suddenly he took to undoing her magnificent hair, which reached below her waist. "I state you have put me in," said the beauty. "Never mind, child, I'll do the locks up again and you'll be as good as new. You'll be before you reach home." And slowly and deliberately the great prince of diplomacy undid the splendid locks of the twenty curls, by means of many curly curlers. Each paper was a note of 1,000 francs, and the prince's hair was not more costly than the material.

## Literary "Prescriptions."

Modern Culture.  
As a guide to the choice of authors in any direction the so-called "prescriptions" are invaluable.  
For clearness read Macaulay.  
For logic read Burke and Bacon.  
For action read Homer and Scott.  
For conciseness read Bacon and Pope.  
For originality read Shakespeare and Milton.  
For vivacity read Stevenson and Kipling.  
For imagination read Shakespeare and Job.  
For elegance read Virgil, Milton and Arnold.  
For common sense read Benjamin Franklin.  
For simplicity read Burns, Whittier and Bryant.  
For smoothness read Addison and Hawthorne.  
For interest in common things read Jane Austen.  
For humor read Cervantes, Chaucer and Mark Twain.

## Dream-Money.

De ol' owl holler, en de ol' owl scream,  
En I wants dat money what I see in my dream;  
I wants dat money—  
Dat money what I see in my dream!  
De graveyard rabbit by de ol' mill stream,  
En I wants dat money what I see in my dream;  
Bless God, honey!  
I wants dat money—  
Dat money what I see in my dream!  
Oh, my honey!  
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Of 'wits ridin' on a pale moonbeam,  
En I wants dat money what I see in my dream;  
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Farmer Straw—If anybody steals that turkey, they'll lay to take you, too, won't they, Tige?  
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## BIG FIRE SALE!

## 50 Bales

Of unbleached muslins consigned to one of the big wholesale houses, slightly water damaged, on sale at, per yard, 2½c and

1½c

In their recent fire the Big Four Depot, at South and Delaware streets, suffered a loss of \$75,000. While the building was badly burned, the goods were only slightly soiled by smoke and water. As no other merchants could handle such enormous quantities of goods, and as the Big Four was anxious to clear their depots in order to rebuild, they accepted our low offer for the bulk of the entire stock.

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Offers to the people of Indianapolis and vicinity the most gorgeous lot of bargains that this or any other store has ever put on sale. These goods were bought at a price that enables us to sell them to you

**At 10c, 25c, 40c and 50c on the Dollar**  
Sale begins Monday morning at 8 o'clock sharp. Plenty of experienced salespeople to wait on you courteously and promptly.

## Big Four Fire Salvage Basement Bargains

THESE GOODS ARE ALL PERFECT

40 PIECES WAIST FLANNELS, exact imitations of French flannels. Outside of case got wet, but the goods were not touched; 10c grades at, a yard, 5c  
MOTTLED FLANNELS, grays and browns, extra heavy weight; goods are all perfect; 10c grade, per yard, 5c  
CAMBRIC MUSLINS, full yard wide, fine quality for skirts; one solid case on sale at, per yard, 5c  
STANDARD CALICOES, best blacks and silver stripes, also fancy rods, 10c grades, per yard, 5c  
COMFORT ROBES and furniture cretonnes, 2 cases regular 7c and 8c grades, per yard, 5c  
APRON GINGHAMS, short lengths of the best quality, at, per yard, 5c  
FINE PERCALES, full yard wide, 2 cases, intended for a big shirt waist factory, 10c and 12½c grades, per yard, 5c  
FINE FLANNELS for ladies' waists, extra heavy, 12½c grades, per yard, 5c  
HEAVY FLANNELS, best light and dark patterns, 10c grades, per yard, 5c  
DOMEST FLANNELS, fancy plaids and stripes, 5c and 6c grades, per yard, 5c  
WHITE SHAKER FLANNELS, nice medium weight, regular 5c grades, at, 5c  
LADIES' READY-MADE UNDERSKIRTS, made of heavy flannellets, with large ruffles, regular 50c quality, 25c

## Our Big January Linen Sale

Some are our own bargains. Others are from the Big Four Depot. All in good condition.

UNBLEACHED CRASH TOWELING, limit 5 yards to each customer, 4c quality, per yard, 1½c  
LINEN FINISH CRASH and honeycomb toweling, 5c and 6c grades, a yard, 3½c  
BROWN LINEN CRASH, extra heavy, genuine Scotch toweling, very fine grade, a yard, 6c  
COTTON CHECK TOWELS, with fringe, full size, 5c kind, each, 2½c  
COTTON HUCK TOWELS, 17x34, extra heavy, with colored borders, 12c kind, 7½c  
Extra heavy Turkish Wash Rags, 10c  
Reduced prices on bleached napkins, as follows:  
7c kind, per dozen, 55c  
12½c kind, per dozen, \$1.00

## Drapery Bargains

From the Big Four Fire.

TAPESTRY PORTIERES, 19 FT. LONG: \$2.50 kind, a pair, \$1.50  
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\$3.50 kind, a pair, \$2.50  
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Up to \$7.50 kinds, \$2.98  
7c Pillow Shams, a pair, \$3.98  
\$4.00 Lace Bed Sets, \$9.00  
1,000 PAIRS fine Nottingham Lace Curtains on sale as follows:  
\$3.50 to \$5.00 kinds, a pair, \$2.50  
\$2.50 to \$3.50 kinds, a pair, \$2.10  
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\$1.50 to \$2.50 kinds, a pair, \$1.00  
\$1.00 to \$1.50 kinds, a pair, \$1.00  
8c to \$1.50 kinds, a pair, \$1.00  
7c to 9c kinds, a pair, \$1.00  
RUG SALE—Don't wait for spring. Buy now and save 50 per cent.

## Hosiery Bargains

From the Big Four Fire.

LADIES' BLACK HOSE, heavy fleece lined, 12½c grade, 4 pairs for 50c, per pair, \$1.25  
LADIES' FLEECE HOSE, fast black, seamless, 40 dozen best 15c values, per pair, 10c  
LADIES' WOOL HOSE, black cashmere, best 25c values, at, 12½c  
INFANTS' COTTON HOSE, fast black, 10c grade, a pair, 2c  
INFANTS' WOOL HOSE, fast black, 10c grade, 3 pairs for 10c, single pairs, 3½c  
10c INFANTS' WOOL HOSE, 7c  
MISSSES' WOOL HOSE, all sizes, fast black, 15c kind, 10c  
CHILDREN'S FLEECE HOSE, fast black, seamless, 4 pairs for 50c, per pair, 12½c  
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## CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Where the Red-Berried Holly and Wild Smilax Grow.

Philadelphia Record.  
Along fence rows and in thickets the vines of the wild smilax are a pretty sight in winter. There are several species native to the neighborhood of Philadelphia, commonest of which is the ubiquitous, round-leaved smilax, or greenbrier. Its stout, green stems, destitute of leaves at this season, are armed with strong, wicked thorns, form impenetrable tangles which are attractive now by bunches of plump, black berries, swinging by slender stalks. The stems of this vine are curious in that, instead of being round, they are frequently quadrangular—a most unusual shape for a plant stem. More attractive is the glaucous wild smilax, whose stems are slender than those of the greenbrier, and are covered with a delicate, frosty bloom, which, when removed by the finger, discloses a purplish ground beautifully mottled in green. Some of the leaves of this plant in our latitude persist on the vines nearly or quite until spring. The frost colors them exquisitely in many tones of orange and crimson, which in the December sunshine make a bright spot

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BRUSH BINDING—All colors but black, 5c grade, per yard, 1c  
DRESS BRAIDS—5c to 10c kinds, per yard, 1c  
Yarn shrub, with glorioser foliage and berries of a more vivid red. The leaves contain a bitter principle which the old-time doctors thought too good to let slip, and it was once used in the treatment of smallpox.  
Besides our common holly there are several other species native to the United States. Some are small shrubs, the common winter berry, now decorating our swamps with its fiery chains of fruit, being one. Another is the inkberry, abundant in the southern States, and easily known in winter by its smooth, leathery leaves, with the beady black berries snugly clinging among them. The coast line of the Southern States, from Virginia around to Texas, is the home of another holly, a prettier evergreen species known as coccinea or yaponia. Its clustered berries are like red currants in appearance, and the branches

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## Fire Salvage Sale of Dress Goods

Some elegant Christmas dress goods intended for one of the downtown stores—some spring dress goods for another store and 3 cases of wool French flannels intended for a big shirtwaist factory are here—all in perfect condition.

WAISTING FLANNELS, very pretty stripes and colors, regular 20c and 30c values, just a small case of 20 pieces on sale, at, per yard, 10c  
FANCY MERCERIZED WAISTINGS, neat stripes, in all the newest color effects, 30c grade, per yard, 15c  
FRENCH FLANNELS, all the plain colors and pretty fancy stripes, also silk stripe albatross, very finest 50c and 75c grades, at, a yard, 39c  
DOUBLE-FOLD DIAGONAL SUITINGS, all colors, a yard, 10c  
BLACK DRESS GOODS, 40-inch figured Mohairs, 50c quality, at, 10c  
BLACK CHEVIOTS, all-wool, 44 inches wide, 6c grade, per yard, 10c  
HEIRINGBONE CHEVIOTS, black and colors, 44 inches wide, 6c grade, at, 10c  
RAIN-DAY SKIRTING, Oxford mixtures, no lining required, 40c grade, 10c  
VENETIAN CLOTHS, heavy weight and all-wool, 54 inches wide, all colors, for suits and skirts, 12½c grades, 75c  
ALL-WOOL HABIT CLOTHS, 54 inches wide, light colors only, 6c grade, 25c  
BLACK ASTRACHANS, 54 inches wide, 10c and 25c grades, 10c  
COLORED ASTRACHANS, for children's reefer, 12½c grades at, 75c  
SILK SPECIALS, 11½c  
Grades, wide, good heavy quality, 12½c  
ARMURE SILKS, line colors, 24 inches wide, 8c quality, 35c

## Big 4's Basement Housefurnishing Bargains

\$2,500.00 worth of Dinner Ware goes on sale to-morrow. Best porcelain and latest decorations. Every piece in perfect condition. Other good bargains too numerous to mention.

2,000 LUNCH BASKETS, two-handled, some nicely smoked, other good as new, 15c kind, each, 1c  
1,500 FANCY CANDLE SHADES, assorted colors, linen, silk and paper, 25c values, 1c

7-inch Plates, worth \$2.50 dozen, each, 7c  
Cups and Saucers, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50 dozen, each, 6c  
10-inch Meat Dishes, worth 50c and 60c, each, 15c  
12-inch Meat Dishes, worth 75c to \$1.00, each, 25c  
Covered Dishes, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, each, 25c  
Sugar Bowls, worth 50c and 75c, each, 15c  
Tea Pots, worth 50c and 75c, each, 15c  
Individual Butters, worth 25c and 50c, each, 15c  
Butter Dishes, worth 60c and 75c, each, 25c  
Gravy Dishes, worth 50c and 60c, each, 12c

## Big Four Salvage Fire Sale of Clothing

Several cases of Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Suits, intended for the highest priced clothing store in Washington street, have reached us in perfect order and go on sale at one-half and one-third of original prices.

MEN'S YACKE OVERCOATS, Oxford Grays and Blacks, made to \$5.98  
entire stock at only \$10.00  
MEN'S FINEST OVERCOATS, Blacks, Greys and Browns, made to \$10.00  
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MEN'S FINE WOOL SUITS, pretty brown and black, plain blues and blues with chalk-line stripes, striped worsteds and brown meltons, all go at \$10.00  
RUSSIAN FLEECE OVERCOATS and Reefers for boys, 3 to 8 years, \$4 to \$5 values, all go at \$1.00  
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MISSSES' UNION SUITS, heavy gray fleece-lined, size 2 to 14, 12c  
BOYS' UNDERWEAR, heavy fleece-lined shirts and drawers, all sizes, 12c  
WOOL UNDERWEAR, red and camel's head, for boys and girls; very finest grades, that sold up to 25c, all go at 12c

## Big 4 Blanket Sale

COTTON BLANKETS—100 pairs regular 50c Blankets, tan and gray, at, a pair, \$1.75  
104 COTTON BLANKETS—White, with colored borders, regular 60c kind, a pair, \$1.75  
HEAVY COTTON BLANKETS—Full 104 size, regular 65c grades, per pair, \$1.75

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## A Blessing in Disguise.

Washington Post.  
"I believe the disastrous cold weather of several years ago was a blessing in disguise," said Mr. Harrison Waters of Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday. "It used to be that the people down there thought they could raise nothing but oranges. After the groves were frozen out they were compelled to turn their attention to other things, and now they raise almost as great a variety of farm products as the people in any other section of the country. The Lord sent the frost, I tell them. During the last couple of years Florida has been on the increase in all directions. Every form of commercial and industrial activity has picked up. The boom is a solid, permanent growth, not a temporary spurt caused by the influx of excursionists."